Procurement of Smaller Aircrafts

951. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many towns in the NER are not having regular air connectivity due to shortage of smaller aircrafts;

(b) if so, whether Government proposed to clear the purchase of some smaller aircrafts to ensure regular connectivity to remote areas of J and K, Andaman and NER.

(c) the reasons for administrative delay and likely time of its placement; and

(d) the targeted action plan and achievements already made for implementation of promises on civil aviation in NER through various PM's packages for NER?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Indian Airlines is carrying out further analysis of the project report in respect of acquisition of six 50 seater aircraft. Jet Airways has five 62 seater ATR-72-500 aircraft in its fleet and has proposed to import 3 additional such aircraft. Sahara Airlines have already been permitted to import seven 30 seater EMB-120 aircraft which are yet to be imported.

(d) A statement showing the status of the works recommended for implementations in the North-East region (as on June, 2000) is enclosed.

STATEMENT

Status of the works recommended by Task Force—Civil Aviation for Implementation in North-East Region (June-2000)

Airport/Para No.	Est. Cost Rs. in Crs.	Details of Works	Status
Agartala 5.3.1.2.	(B) 17.00	Extension of Runway From 6000' to 7500' and other Associated Works	PM Initiative Schemes. Land has been taken over Soil testing and Engineering survey completed for preparation of estimates. A/A & E/S likely to be issued in Spt., 2000.
	[C] 1.00	Setting up of New Cargo Complex	New Scheme—Task Force Recommendation Existing Hanger has been improved and modified to serve as cargo complex. Apeda has set up a cargo complex in the hanger for perishable goods.
Imphal 53.3.6	[C] 4.00	Setting up of New Cargo Complex	New Scheme—Task Force Recommendation Feasibility Study is being undertaken.

Airport/Para No.	Est. Cost Rs. in Crs.	Details of Works	Status
Silchar 5.3.4.4	(A) 0.50	Acquisition of land for Extension of Runway.	NEC approved scheme and Recommended by Task Force. Land acquisition in progress and likely to be handed over in Aug., 2000. Rs. 43 lakhs has been deposited with the State Govt. towards land acquisition.
5.3.4.5	(A) 10.00	Extension of Runway to 7200'.	NEC approved Scheme and Recommended by Task Force. Soil testing/Engineering survey work completed for preparation of estimates. A/A&E/S likely in Oct., 2000 and award of work likely in March, 2001.
5.3.4.6	[C] 10.00	Strengthening of Existing Runway and Allied Works.	New Scheme Recommended by Task Force. Soil testing/Engineering survey work completed for preparation of estimates. A/A&E/S likely in Oct., 2000 and award of work likely in March, 2001.
5.3.4.9	[C] 2.4	Strengthening of Apron and Link Taxiway.	New Scheme Recommended by Task Force. Work likely to be awarded in Dec., 2000.
	[C] 3.0	Extension of Apron with New Link Taxiway.	New Scheme Recommended by Task Force.

Airport/Para No.	Est. Cost Rs. in Crs.	Details of Works	Status
5.3.4.10	[C] 5.0	Installation of ILS and Ground Lighting Facilities Including RVR Equipment.	Soil Testing & Engineering Survey Completed for Preparation of Estimates. Work Will be Taken up Along with Runway Work.
	[C] 2.0	Construction of New Control Tower.	New Scheme Recommended by Task Force. Site, Identified. Drawings are being Finalised.
	[C] 0.5	Provision of Tape Recording Facility for AIR Ground Communication System.	New Scheme Recommended by Task Force. ATC is being provided by IAF. AAI has taken up with IAF to provide the Same. Confirmation awaited.
Guwahati 5.3.5.1	(B) 27.63	Strengthening of Runway for B-747 Operation.	Included in PM Initiative Scheme and Recommended by Task Force. Work Awarded in July 99 and Commenced on IST Nov., 99. Likely to be Completed by Dec., 2001.
	(B) 27.0	Extension of Runway to 12000' and Associated Works.	Included in PM Initiative Scheme and Recommended by Task Force. Soil Testing/Engineering Survey Work Completed for Preparation of Detailed Estimates. A/A&E/S Likely in Oct., 2000.

Airport/Para No.	Est. Cost Rs. in Crs.	Details of Works	Status
Tura 5.3.6.2	[C] 2.0	Removal of (Hillock) Obstructions.	New Scheme Recommended by Task Force. Planning Stage. Budgetary Support Awaited.
	[C] 1.0	Navigation and Communication Aids. (NDB/VHF)	New Scheme Recommended by Task Force. Equipment Procured and Transported to Guwahati for Tura. Work Likely to be Completed by Oct., 2000.
	[C] 0.2	Ground Lighting Facilities (PAPI).	New Scheme Recommended by Task Force. Planning stage. Budgetary support awaited.
Shillong 5.3.7.3	[B] 20.0	Acquisition of Land and Extension of Runway to 8500'.	Included in PM Initiative Scheme and Recommended by Task Force. The State Government was requested in 1998 for acquisition of about 37 acres of land and hand over the same to AAI free of cost. The State Govt. has now informed that acquisition of additional land not possible. AAI should explore possibility of extension of RWY. Within the available land. The proposal is being examined.
	(B) 10.0	Removal of obstructions (cutting of hills by 7Mts. approx.)	Included in PM initiative scheme and recommended by Task Force. The State Govt. has now informed that cutting of hills is not possible due environment clearance.

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	(B) 2.0	Installation of DVOR/ DME and other communication aids.	Included in PM initiative scheme and recommended by Task Force
			AA/ES obtained for procurement of equipment sanction for C/E works issued.
	(B) 0.2	Provision of ground lighting facilities. (PAPI)	Included in PM initiative scheme and recommended by Task Force.
5.3.7.4			Planning stage. This work will be taken up with the extension of runway.
	[C] 3.0	Extension and modification of terminal building complex for 150 passengers at a time and upgradation of safety services.	New scheme recommended by Task Force.
			Planning stage. Budgetary support awaited.
Tezpur 5.3.8.3	[C] 1.0	Installation of PAPI and approach lights.	New scheme recommended by Task Force (IAF) station.
			Estimates under preparation for procurement of equipment.
Dimapur 5.3.9.3	[C] 4.0	Removal of obstructions from approach path of runway 12.	New Scheme recommended by Task Force.
			State Govt. has been requested to take necessary action for removal of high tension power line and other permanent structures. The State Govt. is being persuaded for early action. Min. of Civil Aviation may like to take up with the State Govt. for removal of obstructions on priority to enable installation of ILS. State Govt. has sent two estimates for payment of Rs. 5 crores and under scrutiny.

Airport/Para No.	Est. Cost Rs. in Crs.	Details of Works	Status
5.3.9.4	(B) 5.0	Improvement of Runway strip.	Included in PM initiative and recommended by task force. Soil testing and engineering survey completed for preparation of estimates. AA/ES is likely to be issued in Oct. 2000.
5.3.9.7	(B) 3.0	Installation of ILS on Runway 12.	Included in PM initiative and recommended by task force. Site survey completed obstructions identified for removal State Govt. has been requested for necessary action AA/ES for procurement of equipt. obtained.
Jorhat 5.3.10.1	[C] 2.0	Installation of middle marker, outer marker and approach lights.	New scheme recommended by Task force. Planning stage. Budgetary support awaited.
5.3.10.2	[C] 1.1	Construction of new linked taxiway to civil apron.	New scheme recommended by task force. Work awarded and likely to be completed by March, 2001.
Passighat 5.3.12.1	[C] 10.0	Development of runway and associated facilities.	Recommended by task force AAI has forwarded duly approved scope of work to the Chief Engineer, PWD for preparation of estimates and vetting of same from AAI before execution. The scheme is being funded by NEC through State Government.
5.3.12.2	[C] 0.20	Provision of Ground Lighting facilities (PAPI).	Recommended by task force. Planning stage. Budgetary support awaited.

Airport/Para No.	Est. Cost Rs. in Crs.	Details of Works	Status
Lilabari 5.3.13.3	(B) 2.0	Installation of DVOR/ DME.	Included under PM initiative and recommended by task force.
			Equipment procured. The land is also acquired. Work likely to completed by Oct., 2000.
	[C] 3.0	Installation of ILS and RVR equipment.	New scheme recommended by task force. Provision of RVR eqpt. is being coordinated with MET Dept.
			Feasibility study for suitability of Site has been completed. Order placed for procurement of equipment.
Dibrugarh 5.3.14.1	(A) 3.0	Acquisition of land for runway extension and terminal building.	NEC approved and recommended by task force.
			State Govt. has been reminded to expedite acquisition of land MOCA may like to take up with the State Govt. for expediting land acquisition.
	[C] 20.0	Extension of Runway from 6000' to 7500' and allied works.	New Scheme recommended by task force.
			Soil testing and Engineering survey work completed for preparation of estimates. A/A&E/S likely to be issued by Nov. 2000.
5.3.14.2	(A) 24.58	Construction of new terminal building complex.	NEC/Task force recommended scheme.
			A/A&E/S issued in Feb. 2000. The work may be delayed as State Govt. has delayed the transfer of land.

Airport/Para No.	Est. Cost Rs. in Crs.	Details of Works	Status
5.3.14.3	(A) 1.0	Installation of ground lighting facilities.	NEC/Task force recommened scheme.
			Planning stage. Budgetary support awaited.
5.3.14.4	[C] 2.0	Constructioin of new fire station.	New Scheme recommended by task force.
			Planning stage. Budgetary support awaited.
	[C] 3.0	Construction of perimeter road and boundary wall around newly acquired land.	New Scheme recommended by task force. Planning Stage. Budgetary support awaited .
TOTAL	234.90		

FULL GRANT REQUIRED FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS.

A.	Scheme approved by NEC also.	Rs. 39.50 crores
B.	Scheme included in PM initiatives	Rs. 115.00 crores
C.	Scheme recommended by task force [NEW]	Rs. 80.40 crores
	TOTAL	Rs. 234.90 crores

Renting of AI's Routes to other Airlines

†952. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that flight routes of Air India have been given on rent to other Airlines;

(b) if so, what is the number of routes for which permission has been granted so far;

(c) whether Government are contemplating to operate flights of Air India again on these routes; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.